

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle door comprising:
an outer module which has a door outer shell and forms an outer design surface of the vehicle door;
a unit carrier which is mounted on the side of the outer module facing the interior of the vehicle and is connected to the outer module through forming an interface; [[and]]
a sealing member extending along the interface between the unit carrier and the outer module and covering at least a portion of the interface;
a fixing region formed through a fixing rail which is provided on the vehicle door through which the sealing member is fixable through positive locking connection;
detachable fixings in a region of the interface for connecting the unit carrier to the outer module and wherein at least one of the fixings is covered by the sealing member; and
wherein one of the sealing member and a section of the sealing member is movable so that the fixings are no longer covered and are exposed for actuation by a tool.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim [[2]]1 wherein fixings visible on the outer contour of the vehicle door in [[the]]an uncovered state of the vehicle door are covered by the sealing member.
4. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim [[2]]1 wherein all [[the]]visible fixings located in the region of the interface are covered by the sealing member.

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5. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the sealing member forms a main seal of the vehicle door through which the vehicle door in ~~[[the]]~~a closed state bears against the vehicle body.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 6 wherein the section of the sealing member is movable by folding around the section of the sealing member.
8. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 6 wherein the sealing member has a pivotal region about which a section of the sealing member is foldable.
9. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[6]]~~1 wherein the sealing member is movable by sliding displacement.
10. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[6]]~~1 wherein the sealing member is movable into a position in which the fixing elements are exposed for actuation by a tool whereby the sealing member is held by the vehicle door.
11. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 7, wherein the fixings are exposable by folding around one section of the sealing member whereby at least a further section of the sealing member remains fixed on the vehicle door.
12. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[11]]~~1 wherein the sealing member is displaceable along a fixing region of the motor vehicle door so that the fixings are released without having to remove the sealing member completely from the fixing region.
13. (Canceled)

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14. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim ~~[[13]]~~1 wherein the sealing member is configured to be one of pushed onto and pushed into the fixing region in order to form a push-fit connection.
15. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 14 wherein the fixing region is formed through a fixing flange.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the sealing member is clamped with a section between the unit carrier and outer module and forms an anti contact corrosion intermediate layer.
18. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the sealing member is fixed on the motor vehicle door by separate fixings.
19. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1, wherein the sealing member has a metal insert which comprises a fixing section of the sealing member.
20. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the sealing member can be prefitted on the unit carrier before the unit carrier and outer module are fitted together.
21. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 20 wherein the sealing member is fixable in a pre-assembly position on the unit carrier and wherein the sealing member is movable when the outer module and unit carrier have been connected together.
22. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 20 wherein the sealing member is prefitted on the unit carrier in its functioning position and wherein the sealing member is movable in order to connect the outer module to the unit carrier.

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23. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim [[15]]1 wherein the sealing member is only to be mounted on the vehicle door after the outer module and unit carrier have been connected together.
24. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim [[15]]1 wherein positive locking elements are provided on the unit carrier through which the sealing member is fixable with positive engagement on the unit carrier.
25. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a door inside trim, ~~where necessary including edge fascia panels,~~ is mounted on the unit carrier.
26. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25 wherein the door inside trim covers the unit carrier in a visible area.
27. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25 wherein the sealing member covers the interface between the unit carrier and door inside trim.
28. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 27 wherein the interface is covered by a projection protruding from the sealing member.
29. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25 wherein the sealing member is fixed on the door inside trim.
30. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein at least a part of any one of electrical and mechanical function elements is mounted on a surface of the unit carrier facing the outer module so that the function elements are mounted between the outer module and the unit carrier.
31. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the outer module has reinforcement areas in the region of its outer edges.

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32. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 31 wherein the reinforcement areas protrude inwards from the outer module.
33. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 31 wherein the reinforcement areas run along the outer edges of the outer module.
34. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claims 31 wherein the reinforcement areas form at least one separate module which is fixed on the door outer shell.
35. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a cross support for strengthening the outer module is provided on the outer module.
36. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a window frame is integrated in the unit carrier.
37. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the outer module and unit carrier have different colors.
38. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the unit carrier extends substantially up to side edges of the motor vehicle door.
39. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the unit carrier has reinforcement areas in a region of its outer edges.
40. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 39 wherein the reinforcement areas are formed at least in part around a periphery of the unit carrier and protrude outwards.
41. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 39 wherein the reinforcement area runs substantially U-shaped around the outer edges of the unit carrier.

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42. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 39 wherein the unit carrier is made of any one of metal and sheet metal, and the reinforcement areas are formed on the unit carrier by any one of stamping and deep-drawing.

43. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 39 wherein the outer module includes reinforcement areas, and wherein the unit carrier and the outer module bear against one another through their reinforcement areas.

44. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 39 wherein the outer module includes reinforcement areas, and wherein fixing points for connecting the outer module to the unit carrier are provided on the reinforcement areas of the unit carrier and outer module.

45. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the unit carrier and the outer module are fixed against each other along an overlapping area which in cross-section is angled at least once.

46. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a lock module of a door lock is prefitted on the unit carrier.

47. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein a lock module of a door lock is fixed on an overlapping area of the outer module and unit carrier.

48. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein at least one hinge part of a door hinge is fixed on the motor vehicle door.

49. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 48 wherein the hinge part is fixed on an overlapping area of the unit carrier and outer module.

50. (Previously presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 48 wherein the hinge part is fixed to a hinge reinforcement in an overlap area of the outer module .

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51. (Currently Amended) The motor vehicle door according to claim 1 wherein the unit carrier is turned over at least at a part of [[the]]fixing points used to connect with the outer module so that the material of the unit carrier becomes double-layered at this point.

52. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 51 wherein an edge of the unit carrier between the double-layered fixing points is configured to receive the sealing member.

53. (Canceled)

54. (Withdrawn) The motor vehicle door according to claim 18, wherein the separate fixings is a screw connection.

55. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 21, wherein the sealing member is slidable from the pre-assembly position into its functioning position when the outer module and unit carrier have been connected together.

56. (Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 22, wherein the sealing member is any one of folded round and pushed along so that fixing points are exposed for connecting the outer module to the unit carrier in order to connect the outer module to the unit carrier.

57. (Withdrawn – Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24 wherein positive locking elements are moulded on the unit carrier.

58. (Withdrawn – Previously Presented) The motor vehicle door according to claim 24 wherein positive locking elements are provided on an edge area of the unit carrier.

59. (New) The motor vehicle door according to claim 25 wherein the door inside trim includes edge fascia panels.